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## §350.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to prescribe requirements for Federal assistance to States for programs to adopt and enforce Federal rules, regulations, standards and orders applicable to commercial motor vehicle safety or compatible State rules, regulations, standards and orders.

## § 350.3 Definitions.

As used in this part:

*Administrator* means the Federal Highway Administrator.

Basic allocation means only those Federal funds distributed by the allocation formula, or the minimum funding level specified in this part.

Basic grant means the funds available to a State for carrying out an approved State Enforcement Plan (SEP), which include, but are not limited to:

(1) Recruiting and training of personnel, payment of salaries and fringe benefits, the acquisition and maintenance of equipment except those at fixed weigh scales for the purposes of weight enforcement, and reasonable overhead costs needed to operate the program;

(2) Commencement and conduct of expanded systems of enforcement;

(3) Establishment of an effective outof-service and compliance enforcement system; and

(4) Retraining and replacing staff and equipment.

Commercial motor vehicle means any self-propelled or towed vehicle used on the public highways in commerce to transport passengers or property when:

(1) The vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 10,001 or more pounds;

(2) The vehicle is designed to transport more than 15 passengers, including the driver; or

(3) The vehicle is used in the transportation of hazardous materials in quantities requiring placarding under regulations issued by the Secretary of Transportation pursuant to the authority of the Hazardous Material Transportation Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. app. 1801 *et seq.*).

Compatible or compatibility means, in relation to State laws and regulations pertaining to commercial motor vehicle safety, having the same effect as the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) or Federal Hazardous Materials Regulations (FHMR) in that those State rules are either identical or fall within the tolerance guidelines in appendix C to this part.

Motor carrier has the same meaning such term has in §390.5.

State means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa,